Please deny the BellSouth petition to deregulate DSL. I have been an happy customer of Sonic.net, an independent ISP, for almost one year. It is a local company with wonderful service. Sonic.net would probably go out of business if deregulation occurred, and that would significantly reduce the number of choice of ISP carriers.

If deregulation happened, the big Telco company will leverage their financial power to force out some small competitor. It will no longer deregulate but indeed become a monopoly.

Thank you for your consideration.